

The best human friend cannot be in place of God.

A sense of present fear may be a means of turning us to a source of safety for all time.

We have a great many requests to print the date to which a subscription is paid with the name of the subscriber. The suggestion is a good one, and we have only one reason for not doing it: we do not have the type nor the money to buy it with. If those who have made this suggestion will furnish the means to get the material to carry it out we shall gladly do the work.

We just received these words from one of our most spiritual faithful brethren: "I will be at liberty to serve some congregation beginning, Oct. 1st, 1894, at a reasonable salary." Here is a man who has stood by the cause of the Brethren and is as true as gold tried by fire. In this connection we deem it wise and prudent for all congregations needing pastors to send a committee to conference with power to act in engaging one. You can see the ministers together and can form a pretty accurate decision as to who would probably meet your requirements. And all ministers who desire a change of pastorate should not fail to attend. It is a sad loss to our church not to have every minister stationed where he can do acceptable service for the Lord and His people, and it is most unfortunate for any charge to be without a pastor. May God give all his sheep faithful shepherds, and all his faithful shepherds folds worthy of their labor.

We are heartily in accord with the sentiment expressed in this number by Bro. H. M. Lichty in regard to special numbers. But we are stalled at this point: we can easily assign subjects to able writers; but we can not compel them to respond. We do not blame any of them particularly because it takes time to prepare good articles; and time is about the only capital most of our contributors possess, and the Publishing House is too poor to pay any one for writing. If we just had \$1000 to spend annually on contributors we could vastly improve the contents of the B. E. We could then get out "special numbers" of "special merit," but it is hard to make brick without straw. We also find the annual appointment of the editor a serious obstacle in the way of carrying forward any plan of scope. It requires time to work up matter for the paper as well as to work up its business. It would help matters materially if the editor and managers of the literature were appointed at the first session of the conference. They could then plan with brethren for future work at the conference which can not be done where the appointment is delayed till near the close as has been done previously.

While nothing could be plainer than that a Christian is one who lives not for carnal treasure, lust or pride, but for joy and peace in the Holy Ghost, nevertheless how many on the church roll have the greed of Shylock, the sensuality of a beast and the pride of Satan. Godliness needs to be thundered from press and pulpit that the whole Christian church go not down into the horrible pit of woe.

We most heartily endorse the sentiment of Brother Balsbaugh expressed in the following extract from a letter, that we need "more Christ;" but it is not apparent to me that we need less church. The church is "the pillar and ground of the truth" and it does not seem to me that we can have too much of that.

"We need more Christ and less church. Few of us consider how the sacramental is crowding out the spiritual. To preach Christ is to make the church the working medium for the salvation of the world and not the dozing place for indolent Christians. Symbols can no more save than the cup that holds the water can quench our thirst.

C. H. BALSBAUGH.

MAKE YOUR MARK.

In this world there is an opportunity for every one to make his mark for good if he will only throw his will-power into something useful, and work with his might. There is no better place to do this than the Brethren church, where good workers are in demand in every department of usefulness. In order to make the undertaking a success, it is needful to keep in line with the church and her adopted principles. Some brilliant men, in years gone by undertook to make their mark by being separated from the church, her influences and her counsels, but not one of them, to our knowledge, has succeeded. A few of them are still on trial at this time, but the conflict is telling on them.

We again repeat, that there is no better place for one to make his mark than among the Brethren. We are in need of more and better ministers. There is a demand for every minister, among us, to raise his standard of proficiency so as to make himself more useful. We are in need of more elders, who can come up to the Gospel standard. There is not a housekeeper in the Brotherhood, who does not see the necessity of elders reaching a higher plan of usefulness. More exemplary and consecrated deacons are in demand in every congregation.

The wives of our officials feel that they have not reached the standard so clearly set forth in the Gospel for them. There are mothers in Israel, and it is important that they become ensamples to the other sisters, as well as the leaders in everything that

tends to purify and elevate true womanhood. There are various ways in which they may increase their power and opportunities for good, and become a force in the Brotherhood, highly prized both in heaven and on the earth.

We also stand greatly in need of more Sunday school superintendents and teachers. Here is a want that we shall probably never be able to fully supply. We not only need more of these workers, but they should be far better qualified for their departments than they are. With all their talents and efforts they will never be able to reach a standard that is too high for skillful work in the Sunday school department.

In every community our song services need improving. Here is work for every member having talent for music. There ought to be singing classes in every church for the purpose of developing the musical talent among us. Then each church has use for active solicitors to gather funds for missionary and tract work. We need earnest men and women to procure and distribute good tracts, for there is not a neighborhood where they will not accomplish good if judiciously distributed. Scores of missionaries are also in demand, who can go to the outskirts and preach the Gospel. We may yet add, that many skillful teachers are needed in our high schools. With all our efforts we are not able to fully supply our schools with skillful teachers. And still more, we need exemplary and earnest private members by the thousands, who can and will be living epistles that they may be read and known of all men. There is really no possibility of supplying the needs of the church at this time. There is work for everybody, and a constant demand for a greater degree of proficiency in every department of usefulness. Surely among the Brethren is the place for one to make his mark. Here his labors are not only needed, but they will be appreciated. But to reach the higher standard of usefulness, let each worker strive to keep in line with the church and her work, that his influence may be felt for good, and his example be the means of stimulating and encouraging others.

J. H. M.

Gospel Messenger.

Words of comfort and sympathy are precious to those who are in sorrow and need.

A good man or woman will always teach that labor is honorable and that it is the sure road to success.

More is done by doing each days work faithfully than by crowding two days work into one.

Death does not end all. There may be the brightest out-look at the brink of the grave.